



**MINUTES OF THE
UTAH ENGINEERS COUNCIL**
March 4, 2015 - 12:00 Noon
Van Cott
36 South State Street, Suite 1900
Salt Lake City, UT

Members Present:

Rob Kesler, Chair
Brian Warner, Vice-Chair
Charles Vono, Treasurer
David Cline, 1st Past Chair
John Richardson, 2nd Past Chair
Chris Perry by phone
Roberta Schlicher by phone
Dale Robinson
Marilyn Marshall
Paul Feser
Vijay Kornala
Susan Merrill

ACEC
ASCE
AIAA
EWB
ASME
IEEE
SAME
UCLS
SWE
ASCE
ITE
Executive Secretary

Members Absent:

Joe Touhuni
Dannie Pollock
James Williams
Dan Donahoe
Brett Jones
Jed Lyman
ASHRAE
AAEE
SEAU
ASME
UCEA
ASPE

Guests

Jeff Riddle
Brian Riddle
Juli Burton
Van Cott
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1. Welcome – Rob Kesler

The meeting began at 12:15p.m. Rob Kesler welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were made.

2. Approval of Minutes – February 4, 2015

Motion: John Richardson moved to approve the minutes from February 4, 2015. Marilyn Marshall seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Financial Report – Charles Vono

Charles Vono reported that we have not yet received the scholarship check from Van Cott. Charles asked if the check could be sent directly to him. Juli will check and let him know. Otherwise, he will come pick it up. AAEE paid their dues through PayPal. AWWA will be removed from our membership list. Susan will send an invoice to Varian for their \$1,000 sponsorship. Charles reported the account balances as follows: savings - \$79.05, operating - \$2,549.45, scholarship \$4,893.61. Rob asked if Ferguson's banquet sponsorship check for \$500 has come in. It has not. Susan will send them an invoice.

4. Committee Reports

A. E-Week Committee - Brian Warner: Brian Warner passed out a final banquet report. Brian reported the banquet sponsors as Rio Tinto, McNeil, Van Boerum & Frank,

Ferguson, Varian, ASPE and General Distributing. Scholarship sponsors were Jones & Associates, Heath Engineering, Mu Bhayani Fund, NewsLink, VanCott and an anonymous sponsor. Brian reported that the drink cost was \$740.94 and the banquet and setup cost was \$8,002.69. Total event cost was \$9,800, which includes awards, food, beverages, etc. That comes out to be about \$65 per paying person. If event sponsorships are included, the cost comes down to \$42.55 per person. 151 people paid and 128 people were checked in at the door. It is possible that some were missed at the door, but we don't know. The banquet money we received in tickets was \$9,185.61.

John reported that his wife enjoyed the speaker, even though she isn't an engineer. The banquet was a success. The ITE Engineer of the Year nomination came in very late and was missed, so John will be hand delivering a plaque to that nominee.

Each society should submit a name for Engineer of the Year. We had 26 total nominees for all three awards this year. PayPal has helped immensely to resolve missing payment problems. People liked the location and the food.

B. Fund-Raising - David Cline: David expressed appreciation to all of our banquet sponsors and scholarship sponsors and particularly to Van Cott for their continued support. He said there is a bank that is interested in funding one of our scholarships. There are some other businesses that are looking at partnering with us as well. We hope to have some of those sponsorships in place by our May meeting.

Utilizing our newsletter and our Journal is really important in securing sponsors.

The newsletter open rates were really good. We had 38% and NewsLink gets excited with 18%. The newsletter went out on the Tuesday before the banquet. Susan did not receive it. David Cline will check to see why she didn't receive it. Marilyn Marshall and Chris Perry also did not receive it. It is important to make sure you have the NewsLink email address in your accepted email box and not in the junk mail.

So far, only one person has opted out of receiving the emails, which is really good. Paul Feser reported that ASCE is changing their email system to Constant Contact because they were so impressed with the UEC newsletter email.

C. Publishing Committee - Dannie Pollock: Juli Burton provided a list of known articles that have been received for the Journal. They have enough articles, but if anything is missing, let her know right away. Susan will send the banquet photos that she took to Juli. Juli also took some photos at the beginning of the banquet. Our hopeful print date is as soon as they receive all of our content.

John reported that the AWWA article will have a few pictures. The problem is that AWWA is not a member of UEC, so if the article is under their name, they will need to pay their dues. It may be that the article gets submitted under a different society name because it is a really great article. David Cline has a relationship with a past president of the society and will call her and see why they pulled out of membership. It was suggested that there be a box in the Journal for the Membership Committee where the benefits of membership could be outlined. Rob asked about the picture that goes with his article. Juli will check to see if it is okay to use.

D. Awards Committee - John Richardson: The names of the winners with the pictures are on the website. They are:

Engineering Educator of the Year – Dr. Kevin Franke, P.E.

Fresh Faces in Engineering – Prasad Weerakoon

Engineer of the Year – Dr. David Willis

MESA Teacher of the Year – Jorge Ibanez

E. Scholarship Committee - Charles Vono: The scholarship winners are as follows:

BYU - Chloe Roedel
 USU – Parker Bassett
 U of U – Andy Gilbert
 Gerald H. Piele scholarship – Rose Bloomquist

F. Legislative Committee - Dan Donahoe: Dan Donahoe was not in attendance, but sent an update to Rob Kesler. HB285 - building code review and adoption amendments. It passed the house and senate rules committee. ASHRAE Utah is not supportive of it. The following is the update that Dan Donahoe provided:

Bill	Title	Outcome	Sponosr	Party
HB090	RESIDENTAL BUILDING INSPECTIONS	House Rules Coom - Strike enacting clause 3/12/15	Dunningan	R
HB0126	DESIGN PROFESSIONALS - AMENDMENTS	House Rules Coom - Strike enacting clause 3/12/15	Cox	R
HB0169	HOME ENERGY RATING INDEX SCORE DISCLOSURE	House Rules Coom - Strike enacting clause 3/12/15	Powell	R
HB0285	BUILDING CODE REVIEW AND ADOPTION AMENDMENTS	Senate passed back to House with Ammendmemnts 3/12/15	Wilson	R

G. Membership Committee - Marilyn Marshall: Marilyn will do an article for the Journal. She will be attending the SAMPE meeting. SAMPE used to be a member of UEC.

5. Nominating Committee - David Cline

The slate of nominees was discussed. Brian Warner will automatically be in the Chair position and Charles Vono will be in the Vice-Chair position. The office of Treasurer is an open seat. Some nominees that are being considered are Chris Perry, Marilyn Marshall, Jed Lyman and Dale Robinson. Marilyn Marshall and Dale Robinson withdrew their names. Jed Lyman was not in attendance. The position was discussed with Chris Perry, but he has not decided if he will be able to do it. All of the previous officers will help with the banquet. The Executive Committee cannot have two officers from the same society. David Cline will continue to work on the Treasurer nominee options and send out an email letting the Board know the final slate of nominees. Nominees have been considered based on years of service and service on committees, but newer representatives can be nominated.

6. DOPL Nominations

DOPL nominations for advisory committees were requested, but none were submitted. Nominations must be submitted to DOPL no later than April 3. These openings are sent to individual societies as well, so if the society as well as UEC submits a name for nomination, the nomination carries more weight. These are advisory committees to the Legislature. Society officers are not eligible.

7. Other Business

Susan is moving to a different home a few miles away. Since the UEC address is Susan's address, the question is, does UEC want a PO Box to be consistent well into the future, or does UEC want its address to be Susan's new address? We need to make the change with the IRS. A PO Box works fine for most things. Mass mailings are not a problem. Some credit card companies want a street address, but for most things it works. Susan is willing to continue to have UEC mail come to her home address. It was decided to have the UEC address be Susan's new home address. When we do the e-postcard for taxes, we will make the change with the IRS.

John Richardson thanked Marilyn Marshall, Brian Riddle and Jeff Riddle for their help on the Awards Committee.

David Cline mentioned the panel discussion with the civil and environmental departments at the U of U. He wanted to confirm who will participate. Charlie Vono is checking to see if he is available. ITE might be able to send someone and will let David Cline know by tomorrow, Paul Feser will come for ASCE and Brian Warner will come for SEAU. David Cline will send information to the participants. The location of the panel discussion is the Meldrum Civil Engineering Building at the U of U. It is from Noon to 1:10 p.m. on March 26.

Our next meeting will be April 1.

8. Adjournment

Motion: Charles Vono moved to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.
